

**MINUTES OF THE  
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 • 8:00 am • 210 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Chair  
Rep. Derrin R. Owens, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Jim Dabakis  
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson  
Sen. Don L. Ipson  
Sen. Ann Millner  
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson  
Rep. Kim F. Coleman  
Rep. Brad M. Daw  
Rep. Karen Kwan

Rep. Kelly B. Miles  
Rep. Val K. Potter  
Rep. Jon E. Stanard  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley  
Rep. Mike Winder

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Keith Grover, House Chair

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Spencer C. Pratt, Fiscal Manager  
Ms. Jill L. Curry, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov).

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Jennifer Jones, Communications Director, Lowell Bennion Community Service Center, thanked the committee for its support of Higher Education and distributed "Bennion Beanies."

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Vickers welcomed everyone and had committee members introduce themselves. He excused Rep. Grover, House Chair.

**3. Opening Remarks - Senator Vickers and Representative Grover**

Chair Vickers discussed the importance of Higher Education.

Vice Chair Owens gave opening remarks regarding the committee's importance.

**4. Introduction of Compendium of Budget Information (COBI) and House Bill 1, Higher Education Base Budget**

Spencer C. Pratt explained the COBI and HB 1 Base Budget

[Budget Tools for Higher Education Subcommittee](#)

[Funding Mix for Compensation and ISF Cost Adjustments 1 or 2](#)

[Comp and ISF Funding Mix - Joint Rules Resolution 2 of 2](#)

Mr. Pratt explained the process for submitting a Request For Appropriations

Mr. Pratt explained the <https://public.tableau.com> website.

Mr. Pratt explained the 2016 Higher Education Funding Issue Brief

[Higher Education Funding - Power Point 2 of 2](#)

[Issue Brief - 2016 Interim - Higher Education Funding 1 of 2](#)

Sen. Vickers and Rep. Daw asked questions regarding tuition waivers. Mr. Pratt answered these questions.

[Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Tuition Waivers](#)

Committee members Sen. Dabakis, Sen. Henderson, Sen. H. Stephenson, Sen. J. Stevenson, Rep. Coleman, Rep. Kwan, and Rep. Winder discussed the issues of tuition, tuition waivers, and the level of state funding. Mr. Pratt and Chair Vickers answered these questions.

Mr. Pratt discussed possible savings in O & M appropriations, funding compensation increases, tobacco settlement account, market demand programs, performance based funding, and Regents' Scholarships.

Ms. Curry discussed three budget adjustment options including UCAT Administration, Equipment, and Custom Fit.

Rep. Winder asked if the institutions were aware of these options. Mr. Pratt and Ms. Curry explained that these suggestions are made internally, but the information has been available for a few days.

## **5. USHE Overview - Commissioner Buhler**

Dr. David L. Buhler, Commissioner of Higher Education discussed the Utah System of Higher Education. Regent Daniel Campbell, Chair, Utah Board of Regents, discussed the important role of higher education.

Comm. Buhler discussed each of the USHE institutions.

Comm. Buhler discussed the 2017 Progress Report

Rep. Wheatley asked about the STEM Initiatives. Comm. Buhler answered these questions.

Sen. H. Stephenson asked a question about the metrics presented and about state-wide employment needs. Comm. Buhler answered the question.

## **6. UCAT Overview - Commissioner Woolstenhulme**

Dr. David Woolstenhulme, Commissioner of UCAT, discussed the recent changes to the administrative structure of UCAT. He discussed UCAT's strategic priorities.

Mr. Jared Haines, UCAT Associate Commissioner explained important facts about UCAT.

Comm. Woolstenhulme discussed UCAT's accrediting body, the Council on Occupational Education. He gave information about scholarships, student assistance, stackable credentials, and recent reallocations.

Rep. Owens thanked Comm. Woolstenhulme for his great work in such a short time.

Rep. Wheatley asked about Custom fit training. Comm. Woolstenhulme answered the question.

Sen. Stephenson asked how non-completers get credentials. Comm. Woolstenhulme answered the question.

Sen. Dabakis asked about tuition barriers for certain students and if there is a program for this. Co-Chair Vickers asked Comm. Woolstenhulme to answer that off-line.

Rep. Miles asked about the absence of a management degree. Comm. Woolstenhulme explained how stackable credentials addressed this issue.

Rep. Winder discussed the importance of the overlap between USHE and UCAT. Comm. Woolstenhulme agreed with the importance of this relationship.

## **7. Subcommittee prioritization of subjects for future meetings**

Chair Vickers explained the priority list for agenda items.

### **[Potential Agenda Items - FY 2017 General Session](#)**

## **8. Higher Education Compensation Funding discussion**

Mr. Pratt explained this issue.

Rep. Owens assumed the chair.

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.